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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of)
AUER et al.)
International Application)
PCT/EP 00/07199)
Filed: July 26, 2000)
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For: CONTINUOUS PREPARATION OF METHYL FORMATE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as shown on the attached sheets.

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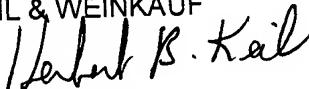
The claims were amended in the preliminary examination. The claims have been amended further to eliminate multiple dependency and to put the claims in better form for U.S. filing. No new matter is included.

A clean copy of the claims is attached.

Favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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